

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1018

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Claire Beth McCarter,
2010 Valedictorian of Sevier County High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Claire Beth McCarter is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. McCarter has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Claire has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in several worthwhile extracurricular activities, including the Senior Beta Club, Ski Club, Science Club, National Honor Society, and the Rock Climbing Club, which she founded and served as president and captain; and

WHEREAS, she has distinguished herself as a leader among her peers through her participation in the Children with Special Abilities program for gifted students; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Claire has been a fixture on the Star Honor Roll her entire academic career, has participated in the Scholars Bowl, and was voted "Most Intellectual" in Senior Superlatives; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Claire expresses her faith as a member of the First Baptist Church of Sevierville, where she is a member of The Crossing Youth; and

WHEREAS, she has evidenced a commitment to public service at an early age and donates her time and talents to several worthy causes and organizations, including the South Knoxville Senior Center and tutoring; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McCarter's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success in college and throughout life; this exemplary scholar will earn her Associate of Science degree from Walters State Community College before she even graduates from high school; and

WHEREAS, Claire's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2010 Sevier County High School Valedictorian, Claire Beth McCarter, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.